

**Remarks/Arguments**

**R garding the Drawings**

Attached are formal drawings to the Official Draftsperson which correct the blurring and legibility objections noted by the examiner. The corrected drawings do not introduce new matter. Thus, applicant respectfully believes the objection to the drawings to have been overcome.

**Rejections under 35 USC §103**

Claims 21 and 23-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,168,983 B1 issued to Rumennik et al.

Claims 21 has been cancelled rendering the rejection moot with respect to those claims. Allowable claim 22 has been amended as recommended by the Examiner to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 23-29 depend from as amended claim 22, therefore are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Applicants respectfully believe the rejection to have been overcome.

**Allowable Subject matter**

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the allowability of the subject matter of claim 22.

Accordingly, claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of its former base and intervening claims. Claims 23-29 depend from, or are amended to depend from, allowable claim 22 and therefore should be allowable for the same reasons.

**Conclusion**

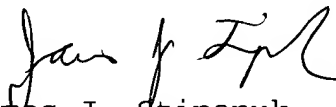
This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the office action mailed July 14, 2003. Claims 22-29 are in condition for allowance. Claim 21 has been cancelled without prejudice to the subject matter. Applicants have reviewed the other prior art made of record and believe that such art does not affect the patentability of the invention.

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable acceptance of this application.

While no fee is believed due by filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 501086.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, applicants invite the examiner to call the undersigned attorney at the examiner's convenience.

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